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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on the global geodetic reference frame, which is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the development of a road map for the implementation and sustainability of the global geodetic reference frame.

Summary of the report

At its fifth session, held in New York from 5 to 7 August 2015, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 5/102, in which it commended the considerable efforts of the working group on the global geodetic reference frame and expressed its appreciation to Fiji for its leadership in the preparatory process and in the final formulation and successful tabling of the resolution on the global geodetic reference frame for sustainable development to the General Assembly with the support of 52 co-sponsoring countries. Acknowledging the importance of the resolution and of the road map as critical enablers for sustainable development, the Committee of Experts encouraged Member States and the working group to gather inputs on the key elements of the development and sustainability of the global geodetic reference frame, including the need to address the imbalance in the distribution of geodetic infrastructure globally, in particular between the North and the South, and to commit to undertaking outreach programmes to ensure that experiences and best practices were communicated effectively, particularly in developing countries.

In its report, the working group presents progress on the road map, which includes issues related to infrastructure; policy, standards and conventions; education, training and capacity-building; communication and outreach; and governance.

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